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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (canceled).

Claim 10 (previously presented): A spinal stabilization device comprising:  
a cage having a distal end adapted for insertion into a spinal disc passageway formed in a spinal disc and an open proximal end adapted to receive the shaft of an insertion device; and

anchors on the exterior of the cage for engaging the disc and stabilizing the cage in the spinal disc passageway;

wherein the cage is defined by a cylindrical body having a bore defining an opening in the open proximal end thereof and a key hole adapted to receive the shaft of the insertion or screwing device.

Claim 11 (original): The device in accordance with claim 10 wherein the distal end of the cage is generally bullet-shaped.

Claim 12 (original): The device in accordance with claim 10 wherein the distal end of the cage is generally rounded.

Claims 13-14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (original): The device in accordance with claim 10 wherein a plurality of spikes extend outwardly from an outer surface of the body and define the anchors.

Claims 16-35 (canceled).

Claim 36 (previously presented): The device in accordance with claim 15 wherein the spikes are helical external threads which extend along the length of the body and protrude outwardly therefrom.